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Thanks

.. to those parents helping out with next week's winter sports tournament
.. to those "faminers" who have already returned their booklets and sponsor money.

People of the week

.. Daniela Webster who can do a handstand to bridge, round off, kick over, the splits and 50 press ups (this is a correction from last week as Daniela's principal got it wrong and has been duly corrected)
.. Tayla Rickey who raised nearly \$400 for the famine and Natasha Hewson who raised \$140. An awesome effort girls!
.. Nathaniel Watson received "Tackler of the day" for JB2 Kamo White.
.. Caden Gunson for "Player of the day" for Mid Northern JBN rugby team.
.. Kade Trubshoe for "Player of the day" for JBN Kamo Wolves.

Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).
We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

10 June	Senior Winter Sports Tournament (pp 12.6)
17 June	Year 4 to 6 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 24.6)
18 June	Senior Ten Pin Bowling
26 June	Portfolios sent home
30 J/1 May	Parent / teacher interviews
2 July	Year 8 girls HPV vaccination 2
4 July	Final day of term 2 (term 3 starts 21.7)

Parent / Teacher Interviews .. Room 6

Remember that these are scheduled for 18 June (Room 6 only). If you would like to make an appointment and have not yet done so please contact the school office.

Notice of early finish to school days

Please note that school finishes at 2:30 PM on 30 June and 1 July to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30 minutes earlier on these days. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes.

(Please note that bus drop off times can vary from the usual on these days due to unpredictable bus loadings).

Term Fees

Parents who opted for term payment of school contributions and activity fees will have received a payment request earlier this term. If you have not yet paid please do so at your convenience. Remember to contact us if you want to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Some reminders from the last newsletter

- .. If able to help out with Bible in Schools classes please contact the Team Leader, Carina Wykes, on 09 435 0911. Training is provided and a police vet is necessary.
- .. If you think your child would prefer vegetarian alternatives on sausage day can you please email Kevin next week (principal@matarau.school.nz) so that we can get a feel for numbers.
- .. Countdown Hero cards are proving to be a bit of a problem at present at the school end and we request that children do not bring these cards to school please.
- .. Please take extra care negotiating the lower bus bay at drop off and pick up times. Please walk your children to your vehicle where possible.
- .. Maori whanau meeting will be held 19 June 3:10 PM. Venue to be confirmed .. all interested people are warmly invited to attend.
- .. Headlice ... please check your child(rens) hair weekly and respond promptly where necessary.

International Schools competitions

A reminder that these exams are scheduled as follows ... English - 29 July ... Mathematics -12 August. Practice papers for these exams will be made available by the school as follows ..

English exam ... from week beginning 10 June

Maths exam ... from week beginning 24 June

This gives a preparation period of 4-6 weeks. As in previous years we will meet participants from time to time to see how they are going and to provide encouragement. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children sit at least 2 practice papers a week at home (parents will also need to mark these - marking sheet provided).

Year 7 and 8 Technology Fees

A number of families have yet to pay 2014 technology fees. We pay these on your behalf to the Hukerenui Technology Centre and so please get fees to school as soon as possible.

Rural Watch Meeting

At 7 pm Monday 9 June there will be a meeting in the school staffroom for anyone interested in joining a rural watch programme for the Matarau, Ruatangata and Piplwai areas. Police will be present to lead discussion and get things going. We encourage people to attend if at all possible as creating safer communities has to be a community effort. Any questions please phone Michelle Martin on 4335061.

40 km speed limit

Please adhere to the new 40 km speed restriction on the portion of Matarau Road adjoining the school. This is a busy road at this time and children can be unpredictable.



Secondary School 2015

If you have not yet returned your confirmation of secondary school preferences please get this along to Mr D early next week. Mr D works hard to ensure the best possible secondary placements for your year 8 students and this is the beginning of this process.

Winter Sports Tournaments - Years 4 to 6 - 17.6 (pp 24.6) - Years 7 & 8 10.6 (pp 12.6)

We now urgently require any outstanding consents for the above events. If you have not yet returned your child's consent please get this to school on Monday.

Winter Sports Tournament

Please ensure children bring their Matarau T-shirts, gear appropriate to their sport, lunch, drink bottle, warm jacket and spending money at your discretion. Children will travel by bus returning by 3:00 PM. Parents are warmly invited to support our teams by dropping by to Kensington Park at any time throughout the day.

Science Fair - Year 7 and 8

... please keep checking your child's timeline Science Fair is the only homework presently.

Matarau Hockey

Well done to the following "Players of the Day"



Mini Sticks

Caprice Newnham

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 4 was issued this week. All orders and payment due in at the office by Friday 20th June.

Headlice

These can be persistent in spite of conscientious parent efforts. We are happy to connect families with the public health nurse if you are battling constant re-infestation and would like to brainstorm possibilities.

Famine

It would be helpful if we could have all sponsorship money to school please by 13 June. Please note that it is a requirement that all sponsor booklets are returned. If your child took a booklet and did not participate we still need the booklets back at school. Thank you.

Reminder - tips on monitoring internet usage at home

- .. know when, where and how your child uses their email and internet accounts
- .. insist on knowing your child's passwords so you can monitor their internet usage
- .. take a special interest in social network sites. Most of these have an age restriction and we suggest you enforce these.
- .. if you have decided to allow your child to use Facebook ensure you have access to their Facebook page. Monitor usage closely and don't be afraid to "shut it down" if you feel uneasy about their involvement.
- .. be aware of the restrictions that can be placed on ipads, ipods, tablets etc

Finally

Joke today from Liam and Asher "Why did the one handed man cross the road? ... To get to the second hand shop.

One more from Liam 'What do you get when a pig knows karate? ... A pork chop.

Regards

Our Sponsors support your
children, please support them

Kevin Trewhella
PRINCIPAL



CD's DVD's - Free to a Good Home

"Due to a recent culling of IT resources, various CDs and DVDs have been deemed superfluous to the school's needs. Many of these are older, but may still be of use. These are available for the taking and are able to be viewed in the front office area from the beginning of the week."

Community Notices

Wanted – Old timber and roofing iron suitable for building a children's bus shelter. Please contact Dan 0275034076.

To Rent - Kamo home- 10 mins to Matarau Sch, Sunny 3bdrm home in Dip Rd available to rent. Polished floors, fenced (pets by approval), deck, newly painted inside, lg sgle lined sgl garage with power, private back, flat ½ section, 5mins walk to Jane Mander, Kamo facilities. Available now.\$320 for 3mths, then \$325 Ph 0274352786 Hana

Grazing Wanted - Please phone Lotus 0212465055

Firewood for Sale – Totara, \$80 a metre (min 2 metres) delivered. This is fundraising for a hockey tournament for Northland U13 reps to travel to Rotorua. Please contact Brad Martin on 433 5061 or 0274810450

Time Travelling Musical Adventure - Rising Starz performs "Timelord" at Captaine Bougainville Theatre, Forum North. Saturday 14th June 1pm & 6pm. Suitable for all ages \$8 a ticket. Tickets available from students of Rising Starz or Kauri Shop, Town Basin. For more info email risingstarznz@gmail.com or ph/text 021 441 455.

Northland Youth Theatre - Term 2 Classes start up on Monday the 5th! Juniors: Classes for 9-11 years, Tuesdays 4pm-5.30pm with Jan Fisher, Experience the art and learn the craft of theatre through theatre games, creative movement and improvisation with Jan. Intermediates: Classes for 12-13 years, Mondays 4pm-5.30pm with Naomi Bromberg. For more info phone 09 438 4453 or email office@nyt.org.nz

Quarry Kids After School Art Classes - Held every Monday and Tuesday, 4:00pm-5:30pm, \$20 per class (bring a friend discount = \$15). For more information contact Hayley Clark, Ph: 4381215 email: hayley@quarryarts.org

Minecraft Courses – Back by popular demand with all new content. Bubble Dome are offering June holiday courses - Minecraft Java & Plugins and Minecraft Inventions & Challenges where children will create plugins using the Java programming language and taking part in a range of architectural and engineering challenges. Financial assistance available for students. Ph 0800438282, email info@bubbledome.co.nz or book online at www.bubbledome.co.nz.

Every week you save, you could win your share of \$10,000.

We want to help teach kids the value of saving each week. Every week that they deposit from as little as \$1 into their ASB Headstart account they'll go in the draw to win a \$20, \$50 or \$100 cash prize. This is sure to fast track their savings and get them closer to their goals. Whatever they may be.

The competition runs from 27 January to 14 April, then again from 5 May to 25 June. Deposits can be made through ASB's school savings programme, internet banking (or other electronic method) or at your local ASB branch.

To find out more, contact your school office.

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